

# Dine Out during RESTAURANT MONTH

## Merchants Toast Theater Opening

The opening of the new Rolling Hills Theatre last evening was the occasion for a series of gala social events in Torrance. One such affair was sponsored by the Rolling Hills Merchants Assn.

Before attending the premier showing of "A Ticklish Affair" at the modern new theater, the merchants association hosted a dinner at the Swedish Corner Restaurant on Pacific Coast Highway east of Crenshaw. The party was made up of owners and managers of the stores in Rolling Hills Plaza shopping center.

William Becker, president of the association, spoke briefly of the impact of the new theater to the center and to Torrance. This recreational facility

adds to the entertainment picture in the Southwest and offers local residents yet another place to spend their leisure time.

Officers of the Rolling Hills Merchants Assn. attending this event included Les Silverstein, vice president; Erny Ellis, treasurer; Mrs. Peggy McNary, secretary; and Mrs. Ruby Woolfe, second vice president. In addition to Becker. Wives and husbands enjoyed a smorgasbord treat before the party of 25 couples left for the theatre opening.

## Some Seats Available At Luncheon

Tickets will be available at the door today for the "Know Your Supervisors" luncheon at the Jump 'n' Jack at noon, according to Chamber of Commerce President George Post. A near capacity crowd is expected, but those who have not made reservations may pick up tickets at the luncheon, Post reported.

Scheduled as honored guests for the affair will be Supervisors Burton W. Chace of the Fourth District, and Kenneth Hahn of the Second District, both serving large parts of the city of Torrance.

The meeting is being sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce as a public service. Cost of the luncheon tickets is \$3.

## Child Experts Assist Parents

Mrs. Gerald A. Ramsey will direct Parent Education this year at Scherich's South Bay School, 1108 Tulita, Redondo Beach.

During her term of office, Mrs. Ramsey, 26138 S. Barkstone Dr., Palos Verdes Estates, will schedule lectures by psychologists, physicians, educators and other authorities to assist parents whose children have learning problems.

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**NEW DUTY . . .** Airman Vernon K. Bales, son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith E. Bales of 1212 E. Renton, is being reassigned to Fairchild AFB, Wash., for training and duty as an automotive specialist. He is a graduate of Banning High School.

Marine L/Cpl Robert B. Howe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Howe of 2416 Gramercy Ave., is serving with Third Marine Aircraft Wing at El Toro Marine Corps Air Station, Santa Ana, Calif.

Glyn E. Ertl Jr., airman, USN, son of Mrs. Lillian B. Jaggers of 22210 Denker Ave., has completed Aviation Mechanical Fundamentals School at the Naval Air Technical Training Center, Memphis, Tenn.

Three Torrance men recently completed basic training at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill. Graduates are: Bob E. Johnson, 18, son of Mrs. Donald Cullen; Roy F. Dubach, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn F. Dubach of 2205 Ladeene Ave.; and James B. Crippen, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Crippen of 5106 Stevann St.



**CLUB OFFICERS . . .** New officers for the Torrance Toastmaster Club 695 installed Saturday night include (from left, front row) Ed Curry, Dr. Rollin Smith, and President Burt Hickcox. In the back row, from left, are Bill Burchfield, Fred Cooney, and John Bailey. Hickcox succeeded Scott Albright as president.

## Hickcox Installed as President Of Torrance Toastmasters Club

Installation ceremonies for Toastmaster Club 695 were held Saturday evening in Lomita with Burt Hickcox of Torrance assuming the presidency. Other officers installed by Dr. Warren Harvard Low, Governor of Area 3, were Ed Curry, Lomita, educational vice president; Dr. Rollin Smith, Torrance, administrative vice president; Fred Cooney, Torrance,

secretary; Bill Burchfield, Lomita, treasurer, and John Bailey, Gardena, sergeant at arms. Neil Campbell and Roger Saunders, both of Torrance, were speakers of the evening as Dr. Low, with the assistance of Mike Luyt of Harbor City, assistant governor of Area 5, presided over the candlelight ceremony.

SCOTT ALBRIGHT, outgoing president, turned the gavel over to Hickcox, a native of the Southland, has held offices of sergeant at arms and administrative vice president. He is employed at L. A. County Hospital and previously was a member of the board of directors for Los Angeles County Employees Assn. He formerly was chairman of the grievance committee and chairman of the hospital delegates for the county.

Regular meetings of the club are held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7 p.m. at the Sizzlers, 2709 Redondo Beach Blvd.

## TALK OF THE WORLD

**NAHA, OKINAWA** — Proprietors of Okinawa's hundreds of bars and cabarets are faced with a decision not unfamiliar to many young American men: Should they "go civilian" or "stick with a military career?"

The problem has arisen as the result of recent action here by the joint U.S. military command initiating a new set of regulations which bar owners must adhere to if they wish to display "A" military-approved signs. United States servicemen are not permitted to frequent establishments lacking this coveted sanction, thus depriving their owners of what previously constituted the bulk of their trade.

Prior to the new regulations, local bars and cabarets were permitted to serve U. S. troops if they adhered to certain minimum sanitation and moral standards. The new order, however, specifies the type of material of which the building must be constructed, minimum size of establishment, and location of the bar in relation to main thoroughfares.

As a result, many bar owners will be forced to reconstruct their buildings at considerable expense if they wish to serve U.S. troops. If they

do not choose to rebuild, then they can continue to do business — but cater exclusively to indigenous imbibers.

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The proprietors, therefore, are being forced to choose between spending the necessary funds to "go military" or rely on the less lucrative native trade.

Complicating their decision is the fact that all new A-sign applications must be approved by a military committee and the owners have no guarantee their premises will receive approval even if they make the necessary improvements. Those that do make the grade, however, are literally in the chips as competition has been substantially reduced.

It's the small businessman who is facing dilemma, not his larger counterpart to whom rebuilding costs are only a fraction of annual profits.

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In addition to the bar owners, hundreds of hostesses and bartenders are also hit by the new regulations. Although the military made its proposals known many months before they were put into effect, the local government of the Ryukyus made no provisions for retraining, or caring for, the hundreds of persons now thrown out of work.

Although it has not been admitted officially, informed military authorities privately disclosed that the new regulations were imposed in order to cut down on the number of bars and their accompanying "boom-town" districts in an effort to create a more "healthful" economic climate here.



**ON DISPLAY . . .** Abstract bronze by Eugenia Everett is one of a series of pieces by the California sculptress on exhibit until Oct. 13 in the library gallery at Marymount College, Palos Verdes Estates.

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